

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, and 5-7 are presently active; Claims 1 and 3 have been amended, Claims 2 and 4 have been canceled without prejudice, and Claim 7 has been added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the abstract was objected to. Claims 1 and 3 were objected to. Claims 4-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kokubo et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,663,799) and further in view of Kimura et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,720,787) and further in view of Stierman et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,798,212).

Regarding the objection to the Abstract, the Abstract has been rewritten to be a single paragraph of between 50 and 150 words. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the Abstract has been overcome.

Regarding the objection to the Claims 1 and 3, Claims 1 and 3 have been rewritten to set forth structure. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to Claims 1 and 3 has been overcome.

Regarding Claims 1 and 3, Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to include the subject matter of Claims 2 and 4, respectively. As such, Claims 1 and 3 define that the anisotropically conductive sheet includes (besides conductive particles exhibiting magnetism) a conductive substance exhibiting no magnetism in a uniformly dispersed state. Accordingly, such a sheet exhibits an effect to prevent it from being charged without impairing its anisotropical conductivity. See page 20, line 26 to page 21, line 3 of the specification.

As for the sheet including a conductive substance exhibiting no magnetism, the Office Action states that Kokubo et al disclose this subject matter on column 16, lines 23-26. Applicants respectfully submit that this assessment is incorrect. The cited portion in Kokubo

et al on column 16, lines 23-26 relates to a mold for producing an anisotropically conductive sheet, and the non-magnetic materials disclosed are not those included in the anisotropically conductive sheet produced.

Moreover, in Kokubo et al, the "non-magnetic metal such as copper, a polymeric substance having heat resistance on the like" are materials for forming the non-magnetic layer portions 53, 58 in both top force 50 and bottom force 55 which construct a mold. See column 15, lines 44-49.

Thus, with Kokubo et al not disclosing or suggesting an anisotropically conductive sheet including (besides conductive particles exhibiting magnetism) a conductive substance exhibiting no magnetism in a uniformly dispersed state, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 1 and 3 (and the claims dependent therefrom) patentably define over the applied prior art.

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Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

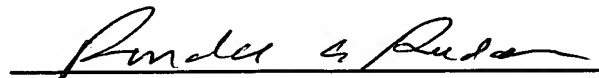
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